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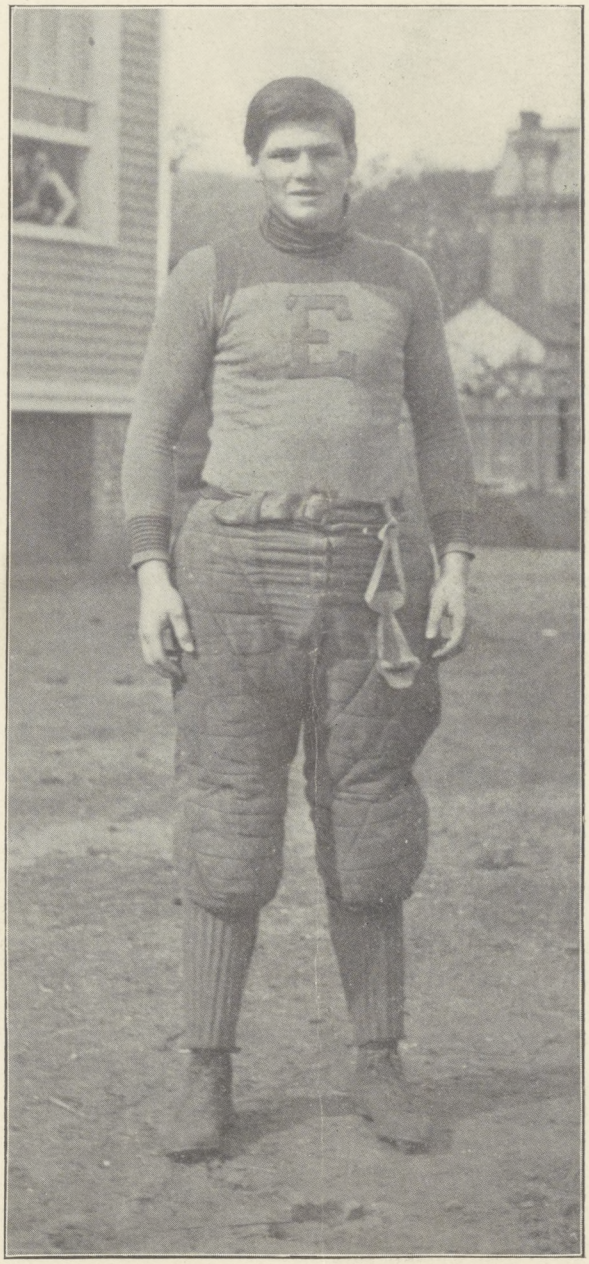

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The Editors' Point of View

We wish to thank the school for the generous reception which was given to last month's ERASMIAN. The zeal with which it was supported by teacher and student, surpassed even our wildest dreams. To say that within three hours from the time the paper was placed on sale, there were not enough copies left to send to all our exchanges and advertisers, is to state a fact which we are proud of and which claims our recognition and merits our heart-felt thanks. We ask no more than that the good record be kept up. We ask that the moral and financial support which was given to our first number, be given to all the succeeding issues, and we promise in return, that our best efforts will be used toward making THE ERASMIAN a paper to be proud of.

The October Erasmian.

The first duty of a high school student should be to get his lessons. His chief interests should center in his books, and he should allow nothing to lessen the vigor which is necessary to stand well in his grade. But this compels a boy to shut himself up for four years like a recluse, and bore his tedious way through a stack of octavo volumes, knee high, never smelling the fresh air, nor getting out to rub against other people. The student owes something to himself, and every boy and girl in Erasmus Hall should join some society connected with the school. By so doing, one may spend many pleasant and profitable hours, get a rest from lessons, and yet learn much that may prove of great value in later years. Then, too, by taking an active part in the affairs of the school and coming into close relations with other students, one soon comes to look at school life in a different light, and to partake of that feeling which constitutes patriotism. A great deal has been said lately about poor health being occasioned by over study; but if some of the victims of this malady would creep out of their shells, and line up with our football men, or hustle themselves around the track two or three times a day, or put the shot, or jump, or do anything to

The Student's Chief Duties.

make their blood move, the disease would vanish as quickly as the scurvy after a liberal application of soap. And they would feel better mentally, morally and physically, and would be able to study more than before, with less danger of breaking down.

This is our advice to all who are studiously inclined, and to those who find it hard to buckle down to books: Join some organization whose aim is serious, and whose needs are evident. But there is another reason for joining a society, besides that of the personal benefits derived therefrom. It is the benefit that the school gets out of it. Erasmus Hall is, to a certain extent, dependent on its athletics and literary organizations for its standing among the schools of the city, as that is the only way outsiders can judge our merits. If anyone has special talent in any one direction, it is his duty to come out and show himself, as the school needs him. Last year there was a young man who was reported to be a splendid debater, possessing all the requirements of a good speaker, but he never joined the debating society, and never figured in any of the debates. If that young man could debate, it was his duty to join the club. Think of the practice and opportunites of distinguishing himself, which he let go by; think of the loss to Erasmus Hall by his inaction! We say it again: To join a club of some kind will awaken a new interest in the success of the school, which will in turn lead the student to become a more worthy son of his Alma Mater.

Erasmus Hall depends upon its pupils for success.

It will be a long time before we forget the deed that was performed by our baseball team last Decoration Day. The fact that our boys won from St. Paul's in one of the strongest interscholastic games ever played, has not yet ceased to be a matter of pride to us. We also remember that later on we suffered the only defeat of the season at the hands of Pratt Institute, thus leaving St. Paul's and Erasmus Hall tied for the championship. As it happened, many players on our team were preparing for college, and could not spare the time from their studies to practice, so the deciding game was not played off between the two schools. Now, Erasmus Hall does not wish to appear obstinate in this matter, or claim more than her just deserts, but she can not think it other than right that she should share the honors with St. Paul's. There is nothing in the Constitution of the league which provides for the playing of a game in case of a tie between two schools. Even if our team could have played, the date set by the league delegates for the game was within school hours, and no high school is ever allowed to play under such conditions. St. Paul's and Erasmus Hall have always been good friends on the field and off, and we do not desire in any way to disturb that feeling. We merely ask what we think is perfectly reasonable, and what we think St. Paul's will soon come to consider as such.

Erasmus Hall and the Baseball Championship.

If there were any doubts that Erasmus Hall is one of the best of the secondary educational institutions in the country, they have been dispelled by the records which our alumni have made. We have not heard from all of those who lately graduated, but the reports that we have heard are most gratifying to the school and pupils. Success has attended all those who

The Records of our Alumni.

have started out in business, and we have reason to be proud of those who have gone to college. Although we can tell, in a measure, how Erasmus Hall stands with the other schools in training students for college, by looking up the records of their examinations, and comparing them with the papers of other applicants, still, the real merit cannot be estimated until the students have completed at least two of their four years course. An eminent authority on educational matters, says: "The business of secondary education is to create within the pupil a desire to learn more." And if this is the case, we cannot judge whether the high school has succeeded or failed in doing this, until we see how his training affects him. Some schools arrange it so that the representatives take the scholarship and prizes in sight, on entering college, but these same students are too often found at the bottom of the class when they come to graduate. So we await the time when our Alumni shall prove what we are already sure of—that Erasmus Hall is second to none.

Courses of Study.

In the December issue of THE ERASMIAN will appear the first of a series of articles on the department work in Erasmus Hall. These articles will sketch the general aim and scope of the departments, and give the courses of study in detail. This new departure in school journalism, we believe, will be gratefully received by our readers and friends. The issue will contain also a picture of the 1899 football team, and a full account of the season's work, with an historical sketch of the members of the eleven.

Erasmus Hall, 12; Montclair, 0.

Erasmus Hall opened the football season by defeating the Montclair High School eleven, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1899, at Montclair, N. J. The game was hotly contested from start to finish, and only by the splendid work of Capt. Kelly did Erasmus Hall score.

The game: Erasmus Hall won the toss, and chose the south goal, but there was no advantage, as a light wind blew across the field. Kelly kicked off to Montclair's 10-yard line. The ball was caught by Baggely, who advanced it to the 20-yard line. Here Montclair lost the ball by a fumble. Erasmus Hall worked the ball to the Montclair's 5-yard line by constant rushes through the line, McNulty, Nichols, and Teaz doing splendid work. Kelly then made a quick plunge through the line, and carried it over the goal line for a touchdown, but owing to an offside play by Erasmus Hall, the touchdown was not allowed. The ball then went to Mont-

clair, who then punted to the centre of the field, where it was caught by Brotherhood. Teaz then made a 15-yard run around right end, followed up by good gains through centre by McNulty, until the ball was well advanced into Montclair's territory, where, by a fine mass on tackle, Nichols made a 10-yard run. A short run around left end by Welles, and the ball was on Montclair's 15-yard line. Here, time was called for the first half.

The second half opened by Montclair's kicking off to Erasmus Hall's 15-yard line. Here it was caught by Alford. Then, by a number of swift end plays, and a fine pick up of a fumbled ball by McNulty, the ball reached Montclair's 25-yard line, where, by a double pass between Meyers and Kelly, the latter made a fine run for a touchdown and kicked a goal. Montclair kicked to McNulty, who advanced the ball to the 25-yard line before being downed. Then, by a great run of 25 yards, Kelly secured a touchdown. McNulty kicked a very difficult goal. The half ended with the ball still in Erasmus Hall's possession. The features of the game were the all-around work of the team, and the splendid playing of Captain Kelly.

MONTCLAIR H. S.		ERASMUS HALL.
Jacobus	R. E.	Gamble / Tilden
Bradford	R. T.	Poggie
Peake	R. G.	Texter
Saxton	C.	Faulkner
Moreson	L. G.	Kelly (Capt.)
F. Howard	L. T.	Meyers
Cairns	L. E.	Wells / Hull
Dodge	Q. B.	Brotherhood / Alford
Howard / White	R. H. B.	Nichols
Reynolds	L. H. B.	Teaz
Baggeley	F. B.	McNulty

East Orange H S., 40; Erasmus Hall, 0.

October 14th, the boys journeyed to East Orange, N. J., to play the High School team. Our team was seriously handicapped by the absence of Capt. Kelly, whose injury prevented him from playing, and by the absence of Texter, the right guard.

The East Orange high school had a team which was a great improvement over that of last year. Among the features of their playing was the excellent punting and drop kicking of their full back, Underhill. His drop kick of 40 yards, for a goal, was the prettiest ever made on the East Orange A. C. Field, and has been very rarely equalled on any college gridiron.

The game, although disastrous for our boys, only tends to show the necessity for some hard practice before the League games.

East Orange, H. S.		Erasmus Hall.
Duff	R. E.	Wells
Olim	R. T.	Poggie
Cowdin	R. G.	Faulkner
Cooper	C.	Alford
McDuffee	L. G.	W. Newbegin
Thomas	L. T.	Meyer
Decker	L. E.	Gamble
Johnson	R. H	Nichols
Underhill	F. B.	McNulty
Whiteside	L. H.	Teaz
Geiger	Q. B.	Brotherhood

Erasmus Hall, 10; Rutgers Prep., 0.

On October 21, in a hard fought game on the Ballantayne Field, New Brunswick, N. J., Erasmus Hall defeated Rutgers Preparatory School by a score of 10 to 0. The game was lively throughout, and at times Erasmus Hall showed marked superiority in her line plays. Rutgers Prep., on account of a "plentitude" of fumbles and occasional off-side plays, was forced

to take the defensive throughout most of the game.

The game: Rutgers Prep. won toss, and kicked of to Erasmus Halls' 15-yard line. The ball was caught by McNulty, and advanced eight yards. By the excellent line bucking of Teaz, Nichols, Meyer, and Texter, the ball was carried to the center of the field. Upon the third down, McNulty, by a splendid rush, broke through the line and dashed by every one of the Rutgers Prep's players, and then unconsciously overran the side line, thus spoiling a deserved touchdown, The ball, when brought in ten yards, was only eight yards from the goal line. On the next two downs, Erasmus Hall advanced the ball but a few yards, and it looked as if our boys would be unable to score. A fine tackle, through tackle play by Meyers, and the ball was carried over the goal line for a touchdown. Owing to a strong wind, McNulty missed kicking the goal. Rutgers Prep. kicked off, and ball was caught by McNulty, who advanced the ball to the 25-yard line. On the next down, Adams, full back for Rutgers Prep., was injured, and was replaced by Kip. Erasmus Hall failed to make the necessary five yards, and surrendered the ball to Rutgers Prep. In the next three downs, Retgers Prep. failed to gain, and the full back made a short punt of twenty yards. The ball was now in the possession of Erasmus Hall, and on its 10-yard line; bnt by good gains by Poggie and Teaz, the ball was carried to the centre of the field. In the next two scrimmages, Faulkner and Newbegin were injured, but pluckily continued in the game. The play was confined to mid-field for several minutes, and the half-time whistle found the ball on tho Rutgers Prep's 40-yard line.

In the second half, three changes were made in Erasmus Hall's line up. Captain Kelly took the place of Pink; Hull replaced Short; and the position of quarter-back was filled by Alford. The ball was kicked by Kelly to Rutgers' 20-yard line; here it was caught by Schenck, who fumbled it, and Teaz fell on the ball. Small gains were made by Meyers and Nichols. Erasmus Hall then fumbled the ball, and Rutgers Prep., gaining possession of the ball, [illegible]hort dashed through the line, but lost the ball on a fumble. Erasmus Hall now held the ball on Rutgers Prep's. 40-yard line. Kelly then made a fine run of about 20 yards, and was kept from scoring only by the fine tackle of the opposing quarter back. On the next play, McNulty was half pushed and half-dragged through the line, when, on getting past the full back, made a fine run for a touchdown. Owing to some protest and a great amount of confusion, the goal was not kicked. In the remaining few minutes of play, no decisive gains by either teams were made.

ERASMUS HALL.		RUTGERS PREP. SCHOOL.
Short / Hull	R. E.	Cole
Poggie	R. T	Cooper
Texter	R. G.	Colson
Faulkner	C.	Butler
Pink / Kelly	L. G.	Feltmann
Meyer	L. T.	Shuttle
Newbegin	L. E.	Prugh
Nichols	R. H	Kneuhle
McNulty	F. B.	Adams and Kip
Teaz	L. H.	Schenck
Brotherhood / Alford	Q. B	Pettit

BASKETBALL.

The Boys' Basketball Organization is once more on its feet, and all boys interested in this game should hand their names to Ullo, Room 31. It should be remembered that all who hand in their names, signify their intention of trying for a place on the team, for Erasmus Hall should be well represented. And the only way to obtain a good team is by the hearty response of all interested in the game. The following schedule has been arranged by the L. I. I. A. C: Nov. 18, Erasmus Hall vs. Poly Prep.; Nov. 25, Erasmus Hall vs. Pratt Institute; Dec. 2, Erasmus Hall vs. Boys' High; Dec. 9, Erasmus Hall vs. Latin School; Dec. 16, Erasmus Hall vs. Adelphi. At the last regular meeting, the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Prof. J. M. Tildon; Pres., Thos. K. Alford; Vice-Pres., Fred. Wardell; Sec., Norman Blake.

HANDBALL.

Of all the athletic organizations in school, handball is the least patronized. The reason for this is the difficulty that exists in obtaining a suitable place for practice. But this is not the only reason; there is not the proper enthusiasm taken in it that there should be. Must we forfeit all the games because we cannot enter a team? This ought not to be. Let a lively interest be taken in this noble game, and the honor of Erasmus Hall upheld.

The following is our schedule: Nov. 11, Pratt Institute; Nov. 18, Boys' High; Nov. 25, Latin School; Dec. 2, Poly Prep.; Dec. 9, Adelphi.

GOLF.

We are glad to hear that the Golf Club is now in a flourishing condition. The Club has a membership of fifteen students, ten new members having been recently enrolled, and has secured permission to use the links at Sunset Park, Fifth Avenue and Forty-first Street. Some good scores have been made already. Great rivalry exists as to who shall be on the golf team. Each member of the Club should be equipped with his own golf clubs. The following are the officers of the Erasmus Hall Golf Club: Hon. Pres., Professor Earle; Pres., Landon Gurlitz; Vice-Pres., Kent Garrison; Sec., Mabel Sweeney.

BICYCLE SHINNY CLUB.

October 12, the Erasmus Hall Bicycle Shinny Club played the Algonquin Shinny Club of South Brooklyn on the school grounds. The game was novel and exciting, resulting in a victory for the home team by a score of 14 to 7. Pièrre Meagher and Bert Dunn, both Erasmus Hall boys, are members of the Algonquin Club.

The Desiderians.

The first regular meeting of the Desiderian Literary Society was held on Friday evening, October 20, at the home of Miss Huff, in Revere Street. The main feature of the meeting was the adoption of a definite plan of study for the coming winter. It was finally decided that the principal work should be on the books that have become well-known and widely read during the present year. Readings, essays, and current events are also included in the work.

Owing to the large increase in mem-

bership, some slight changes were deemed advisable in the Constitution, and a committee was appointed to report on this work. After the meeting adjourned, a simple, but dainty collation was served.

The members want it to be well known that the aim of the Society is to foster a love for good literature and to enlarge the knowledge of the best, past and present, in the literary world. Hard, conscientious work is demanded of all, and scholarly attainment is one of the great aids to such work.

THE October issue of THE ERASMIAN went to press so soon after the opening of school that we were not able to give more than the outlook for the various societies this fall. Many had not even held a meeting, none had chosen new officers, and plans had not been decided upon. But a month, in which active work has been done in many directions, has elapsed since then, and in this issue we are able to give the officers of all the societies, and many things of interest which have happened in connection with them.

We want all the clubs to feel free to hand items of interest to the editor at any time. Moreover, the editor considers it a good scheme for every society to appoint one member to report the news of that particular organization, thereby saving a great deal of time and trouble and insuring correct news.

THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

We feel greatly pleased with the way in which the school has taken hold of the General Organization this term. The returns from most of the classes are very satisfactory, and according to our principal's statement of the rapidly decreasing size of his pocket-book, there must be several one hundred per cent classes. This comes from his generous offer to become a member of every class that stood perfect in its membership list. He is now a member of the following classes: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 38.

At the first meeting of the organiza-

tion, the following officers were chosen: Hon. Pres., Prof. Tilden; Pres., Case; Vice-Pres., Vail; Sec., Skinner; Treas., Prof. Starkey. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th, the requests of the various societies in the school were considered, and the money apportioned as fairly as possible. The organizations must abide by these decisions and not go beyond their allowance. The money was apportioned as follows: Art Club, $3; German Club, $5; Track Association, $10; Boys' Basketball Association, $10; Camera Club, $5; Girls' Glee Club, $5; Chess Club, $15; Dramatic, $15; Printing, $15; Boys' Debating Club, $18.50; L. I. Interscholastic League, $25; Orchestra, $40; Football Organization, $101.75.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Debating Society was called, on Tuesday, September 27, to arrange for the trial debates. It was decided that on October 3, Knapp, Chambers, and Vaughn should argue upon the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, that the United States should own and control the Philippines," while Skinner, Durkin, and Rossman should oppose them. The best three of these, with Case, Pink, and Kerrigan, were to debate in chapel, October 16; and out of these, the best three should constitute our team in the league this year.

After the debate on October 3d, Skinner, Rossman, and Knapp were chosen to meet the old first team. Not having prepared his speech, Chambers had to debate twice, extemporaneously, but he did well. The question for the second trial debate was, "Resolved, that labor organizations benefit the American workmen." The second challenge of the Arvon Debaters was accepted, and Rossman, Pink, and Durkin are to meet them as our representatives, the same team which won the decision over them last season. The only other business of importance accomplished at this meeting was the selection of Case, Lees, and Knapp, as delegates to meet the St. Paul Literary Society's representatives.

President Pink spoke of the advisability of having a Girls' Debating Society, and the result was that Miss Heffernan, Miss Megie, and Miss Jenkins conferred with Miss Brombacher, after which, a meeting was held in Room 33, Tuesday, October 17. There was a good attendance, and after some discussion, a committee, composed of Miss Heffernan, Miss Haines, and Miss Dougherty, was appointed to draw up a constitution for this Society. At the next meeting, the officers will probably be elected. It is a pleasure to see a good thing pushed along as it should be, and we heartily congratulate the girls for the way in which they have taken up this matter. All the arguments which can be advanced for a boy's society apply as well to the girl's. We hope there will be a pleasant rivalry between the boys and girls, which should aid the boys in their league debates. We desire to see a large membership in this new society, and from present indications we shall not be disappointed.

At the debate in chapel, Case, Kerrigan, and Knapp had the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, that the labor organizations are a benefit to the American workmen," and Rossman,

Skinner, and Pink had the negative and winning side by a unanimous vote of the judges, Mr. Harter, Miss Adams, and Miss Dennis. Mr. Low, Mr. Boynton, and Mr. Hubbel were the judges to decide as to who were the best. They chose Pink, Case, and Kerrigan.

By way of criticism, it would be well to say that Case was inclined to be too general in his assertions, as a rule, and to work upon the sentiments of his audience too much. His example of the running expense of a trolley car was weak, as he did not consider the original cost of the car, the cost of the power, the maintenance of car stables, and the payment of the franchise tax.

Kerrigan, on the whole, had good points, and brought his assertions down to specific cases, but he could have condensed somewhat, and his statement as to the capital of the mechanics' union was weak, for while it is not poor, it is poor compared to the combined capital of the employers of the men in this union.

As to Pink, it seems to us that he did not prove quite conclusively the connection between the rise of trusts and of labor unions. He corrected, however, his old fault of excitableness, and kept himself in control.

Knapp did extremely well, considering that this was his first attempt outside of the society or the class room. His points were good, but his manner did not inspire enough respect in the audience. Rossman did well, also, but is at a disadvantage on account of his size. His second speech was not nearly so strong as his first. There was still a trace of his old fault of looking in one direction all the time.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

From all reports, the Dramatic Club has recovered, and is getting down to serious work again. Two meetings have been held, the first to reorganize and to elect officers for the coming year; the second to consider the report of the committee, which had been chosen to select a play. At the first meeting, the following officers and committee were elected: Hon. Pres., Miss Burt; Pres., Kerrigan; Vice-Pres., Miss Greason; Sec., Miss Leech; Treas., Ventres; Committee on play, Miss MacGrath, Miss Taber, and Pink. At the second meeting, the club voted to present "The Rivals," probably before the holidays. There was some discussion as to whether one character should be played by one person or divided between several, as has been done formerly in the Shakesperian productions. On account of the large membership of the club, and the limited time in which the scholars have to learn the parts, it was concluded best to divide the parts, thus giving each oneless to do and including more in the cast.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

With much pleasure we learn that the Desiderian Literary Club has been reorganized this fall. Its growth will be watched by many, and we feel sure that it will not only prove a great help to the members, but will be felt in the *school* as well. If it is carried out in the right spirit, we see no reason why it should not be one of the most lasting and influential societies in the school. The officers are as follows: Directors, Profs. Earle and O'Brien; Pres., Miss

Taber: Sec., Miss Greason. The Executive Committee to arrange the course of study to be followed, consists of the two directors and the president.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB.

The Girls' Glee Club is now practicing regularly every Thursday afternoon and will sing again in chapel before long. The following officers have been chosen: Hon. Pres., Prof. Harter; Pres., Miss Taber; Sec., Miss Huntington; Libarian, Miss Uffendill. The Sopranos are Miss Uffendill, Miss Greason, Miss Sweeney, Miss Stevenson, and Miss Wiberg. The first contraltos are Miss Huntington, Miss Leech, Miss Montgomery, and Miss Taber; the second altos are Miss Dreyfus and Miss O'Connor.

ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra has begun its regular concerts again, under the leadership of Prof. Jefferis, and it is expected that the brass band will soon be tooting. The orchestra is composed of the following players: Violin, Miss Channel, Miss Johnston, Miss Olsen, Meagher, and Moore; viola, Kunkel; bass viol, Case; cornet, Dr. Stacey; piano, Miss Short; flute, Prof. Jefferis.

MANDOLIN CLUB.

Mr. Low feels he has not time to direct the Mandolin Club this year, but we feel sure that with Miss Adams as leader, and Miss Hodgdon at the piano, the Club will be as successful a feature of the chapel exercises as it was last year.

SCIENCE EXCURSION CLUB.

The Science Excursion Club has elected the following officers: Hon. Pres., Prof. Bryant; Pres., Chambers; Vice-Pres., Kelly; Sec. and Treas., Durkin. The Club is rather exclusive (?), the membership being limited to ten: Chambers, Brotherhood, Vail, Durkin, Vaughan, Kelly, Siefke, Lees, and Ventres.

The first of their series of trips, which has been arranged for this fall, was made Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17. It was for the purpose of seeing how a newspaper is made, and the Brooklyn *Eagle* building was the place visited. Mr. McKelway's son very kindly acted as guide for the club. He explained the various processes, and made the visit not only enjoyable, but profitable to the members. Among other things, the members were shown the linotype and stereotype, the process of type-making and bookbinding. As their time was limited, the club expects to make another visit to the building in the near future.

CAMERA CLUB.

The Camera Club has elected the following officers for this year: Hon. Pres., Prof Doggett; Pres., Case; Vice Pres., Kerrigan; Sec. and Treas., Miss Megie. They have taken measures to secure a lantern-slide camera for the purpose of enlarging and reducing, which will probably cost in the neighborhood of $250. Arrangements are being made for an exhibition, to be held in the near future, probably Thanksgiving week.

GOLF.

The Golf Club has begun regular play again, and the following officers have been chosen for the year: Hon. Pres., Prof. Earle; Pres., Gurlitz; Sec., Garri-

son. The Club played at Sunset Park, Oct. 16, and the best scores made for nine holes were: Gurlitz, 50; Garrison, 58; and Miss Gurlitz, 55. Among those who have joined the Club this fall are Griffin, Newbegin, and White.

CHESS CLUB.

Under the direction of Dr. Strout and Prof. Donner, the Erasmus Hall Chess Club was organized on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Pres., Levis; Sec., Miss Maney. About twenty girls and boys were present, and the outlook for the club is very bright. THE ERASMIAN wishes it all success, and as soon as the members begin to play teams from other schools, we feel sure that this club will join the ranks of the others, of which Erasmus Hall is proud.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Alpha Alpha Society, which was established in Erasmus Hall last term, is in a flourishing condition. Miss Adams is the faculty adviser of the Society, and Miss MacGrath, Miss Doody, Miss Naughton, Miss Pursell, and Miss Quinn, have recently been initiated. On the 13th, a meeting was held at the home of Miss Miller, and the members were much pleased to have Miss Adams present.

The Sigma Lambda Nu Society held a reception at the home of Mr. Dogget, on Ocean Avenue, early last month. During the business meeting, the the officers for this year were elected, and three new members admitted. Plans for the year were then discussed, after which a supper was served. This was, of course, enjoyed by all, but the cake was the crowning feature. It was in the shape of the Society's pin, and had the Greek letters upon it in chocolate icing.

Ye First Term Lasses.

What silly little creatures these,
Of ribbons and of curls,
Whose highest joy is just to tease—
These saucy Freshmen girls.

So different from the Seniors grave,
So reckless and so bold;
They'd rather, far, the doctor brave
Than do as they are told.

They don't know syntax, tense, or case:
And, when the pitcher twirls,
They can't tell "Strike!" from "Take your base!"
These trifling Freshmen girls.

They all bear buff and blue to fame,
When football time begins;
But all they know about the game:
"I do hope our side wins."

They don't, as yet, enraptured stand
In Xenophonic whirls,
And Rome is still a foreign land
To these sweet Freshmen girls.

They can't give demonstrations stern,
Or tell why apples fall,
Those hard equations they can't learn
At all, at all, at all.

But their eyes are blue as skies above;
These pretty little pearls,
And so, withal, how much we love
Our chatt'ring Freshmen girls!

C. B.

Chapel Exercises.

Prof. Boynton's class presented the first program of the term, the subject, a very appropriate one, being "Our Navy, its Heroes and Victories." Of course, the hero of the present hour figured prominently, but those who founded the traditions of the navy were not forgotten. Paul Jones, the hero of the fight between the "Bon

Homme Richard" and the "Serapis," received much applause. The description of that famous battle, which no doubt inspired Dewey in his youthful days, was given by Mr. McCaul and Miss Miller. A brief sketch of Dewey's life was given by Miss Watt, and Mr. Kaplan told an amusing incident which happened during Dewey's school days. "Battle of Manila Bay," and "Columbus," were recited by Miss Metcalf and Miss Huff. The orchestra played before the school for the first time.

Monday, October 9, Liberal 4 A, presented an interesting program on "Life in the Woods." The recitations consisted of "To a Skylark," by Miss Burow; "John Burroughs," by Miss O'Leary; "Henry D'Thoreau," by Clarence Bachrach; and the "Battle of the Ants," by Miss Keane. "Der Freischutz," rendered by Miss Bennett, was one of the best piano solos ever presented.

The Debating Club appeared for the first time before the school in chapel, on Monday, October 16. The subject chosen was, "Resolved, that Labor Unions are for the best interests of the American workmen." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Case, Kerrigan, and Knapp; the negative by Messrs. Rossman, Skinner, and Pink. Each spoke twice. The judges, Miss Adams, Miss Dennis, and Mr. Harter, gave the decision to the negatives These excercises were especially marked by the presence of our chairman, Mr. Young, who received a hearty welcome from the students. His talk was extremely interesting. He mentioned Lord Palles, of Ireland, who has done much for higher education, and who is visiting the American schools, and remarked that the lord was very much surprised to know that we could educate a child from the kindergarten, through the high school, with absolutely no expense on the part of the child. The orchestra, as usual, made itself conspicuous by its excellent music.

The Four Leaved Clover.

Some folks say I'm very green,
That's just my outer skin
It helps me hide away from you,
Real worth is found within.

A lucky fellow I am, too,
The kind to have around.
You've got to work to see me,
For I'm not so easy found.

But when you once have found me,
Your fortune's ready made;
And for all your work and searching,
You'll find yourself well paid.

D. M., '01.

SPECIAL CARS.

Leave Broadway Ferry at 8:08 *and* 11:52 *A. M., and* 12:01 *P. M. Return at* 12:20, 2:35, 2:39 *and* 4:05 *P. M.*

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Ford and Lewers are showing up well at Dartmouth; the former is playing end on the Freshman football team, and second base on the class baseball nine, while Lewers has been made captain of the Freshman track team. At Columbia, Caldwell has become a member of the Glee Club.

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Monday, Sept. 25, a class meeting was held by Commercial 4, for the purposes of electing a new Vice-President and appointing a class-pin committee. Nominations were made, and Miss Duval was elected Vice-President. The other officers are: President, Miss Howard; Secretary, Blehl; and Treasurer, Thompson.

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The pupils of Room 5, accompanied by their zoölogy teacher, Miss Needham, have been to Oak Crest on a "bugging" expedition. The pupils found a number of insects, which they examined in their next recitation.

About a week later, the pupils of Room 11 went to Oak Crest for the same purpose, and were equally successful in their discoveries.

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Room 38, in the new wing, held a meeting for the purpose of forming a dramatic society. Miss Burt, who was asked to take charge, has control of the Senior Dramatic Society, and will be able to give them her assistance only as she can find the time.

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One of our recently married teachers is in favor of the Greek law, which compels a man to marry before he is forty, and thinks it could be adopted with advantage here. We wonder what some of our teachers think about it?

⚜

We congratulate the players on the football team on their victory over the Montclair team, and hope it is the herald of success for the remaining games. Captain Kelly received an injury to his kneecap in this game, but is now able to play.

At a meeting held in Room 19, the necessity for a union of the two classes Room 7 and 16, for graduation, was discussed and agreed to by everyone. The classes have decided to give a farce, followed by a dance, and as all concerned are delighted with the idea, it is safe to predict that it will be a great success. A reception committee, consisting of three pupils from each room, was appointed, and also a pin committee, to decide on a pin for graduation.

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Rooms 20, 21, and 22, have decided to unite this term, and are now busily engaged in making arrangements for a dance, to enable the members of the different classes to become better acquainted.

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The pupils in the study hall were agreeably interrupted one day in their studies by the appearance of Lord Palles, his niece, and Chairman Young. Mr. Young addressed the pupils and expressed his pleasure that they had a room large enough to study in ; then presented Lord Palles, a commissioner of education in Dublin, who is naturally deeply interested in education, and especially in co-education. Lord Palles said that there is great deficiency in the teachings in the schools of Ireland. Also, that by seeing the manner in which teaching is carried on in Erasmus Hall High and the Girls' High Schools, he has got some ideas which will help him to remedy the defects at home.

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The Second Senior Spread was held at the usual time. The menu was very elaborate, considering the circumstances. The desks served as tables, and all the members responded to the President's toasts. It was voted a great success, and all are looking forward with pleasure to another one.

P. S.—If they are not caught.

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Owing to the unexpected call for copies of the paper, the October issue is completely exhausted. This is, in a way, encouraging, but if the subscription list included every pupil in the school, the manager would not find it so difficult to estimate the extra copies needed.

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On October 16, a great many pupils of the school had an idea that Lord Palles was to be present at the chapel exercises. It happened that Mr. Case, Sr., came in a little late, and of course, the pupils decided that he was Lord Palles.

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Rooms 4, 16, and 7 are going to give a dance, which will take place some time in November.

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Some time ago, our friends and fellow-sufferers will remember that the new wing was somewhat chilly. It happened on one of these cool mornings that the first recitation in Room 23 was Physics. Mr. Bryant realized the situation, and devoted ten minutes to calisthenics, but still a slight chattering of teeth was heard, so a more exhilarating exercise was tried. The "Greeks" formed in line, and to the well-accented tones of the instructor,

danced heel and toe, and a one, two, three around the room. They succeeded in warming themselves, but it was evident that some are better adapted to physics than dancing.

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THE ERASMIAN extends a hearty welcome to Miss Mildred McNeil, B. A., who comes from Wisconsin to teach English and lighten the work in the Principal's office. Miss McNeil has come to be quite well-known in the west, where several of her articles in the magazines have attracted favorable notice.

⚜

Lib. 8 has elected these class officers: President, Miss Greason; Vice-President, Miss Leech; Secretary, Miss Evans; Treasurer, Miss Stevenson. Miss Greason is arranging with the 4th Commercial to graduate with them in February.

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Tafel, a promising candidate for the football team, broke his left forearm one day during practice, and will not be able to hold his position on the team during the coming season.

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Shattuck, of the Yale team, visited the school recently and gave some instruction to the boys on some of the points in the game.

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In a recent address at the Girls' High School, Mr. Young said that that school was the best in the city, except Erasmus Hall. Such honest compliments as this we heartily appreciate.

The Girls' Basketball Teams suffered from the half day sessions last year, and have not yet recovered, apparently. It is likely, however, that there will be three teams under Miss Brownell's direction this year, and that they will soon be practicing.

⚜

Room 33 has sent a petition to Dr. Gunnison concerning lessons. This was probably caused by the fact that this room has one more language than other classes in the same grade. This makes it harder for the students to prepare the same amount in each lesson as the other classes do, but there is no way it can be avoided, except by a slight shortening of lessons on the worst days.

⚜

The bicycle rooms in the new building are appreciated by the students, as they relieve the crowded condition of the rooms in the old building. The football and track teams have new dressing rooms in this building, which should be kept in better order than the old room was. The blackboards have come, and when up, finish the equipment of the new building.

⚜

The notice of the class field-day did not give much time in which to train, and yet there were many of those entering who did not take advantage of all that was given them. However, many more should have entered than did. There is enough good material in the school, but it has not yet shown itself.

⚜

The morning class in Room 26, on

October 5, formed a class organization. Nestin, after acting as chairman pro tem at the first meeting, was made the permanent chairman. The other officers are as follows: President, Malone; Vice President, Miss Rae; Secretary, Miss Gurlitz; and Treasurer, Mr. Lasher. Five days afterwards, Miss Townsend invited the members to a "Chestnut Hunt" at her home in Bay Ridge.

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Several of the members of the 6th term classes, owning cameras, have made arrangements with Professor von Nardroff, to photograph the Koenig Manometer while he is experimenting with it.

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Just as we go to press, we are informed that our school committee has elected Mr. R. Westley Burnham, A. B., Amherst College, at present in the high school, Gloucester, Mass, to the department of science at Erasmus Hall.

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Room 7 is the only room in the school having a 100 per cent subscription to THE ERASMIAN. This is due to the good work of Mr. Boynton and Miss Quinn, the reporter of the Room. There should be other rooms to share in this honor.

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"To the victor belong the spoils." All honor to Room 7 on October 20, when it won the pennant for the most points in the interschool athletic contest.

A girl in a pet is a curious thing,
Indefinite, vague, and alarming;
But ah, fellow students, did time ever bring
Any sight to you that was more charming?

⚜

There is an indescribable beauty about this section now, which we will not attempt to portray. Miss the special some day, take a walk through Flatbush, and see it for yourself.

⚜

Room 13 had a most delightful romp in the fields a few weeks since. It was a splendid mixture of zoology and sport, and thanks are due Miss Brownell for arranging the trip.

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Birds who can sing, and wont, etc.

It is a remarkable fact that boys who have strength enough to jump fifteen feet, endurance enough to run half a mile, and breath enough to yell at football games, haven't strength, endurance, and breath enough to sing a line of music above a whisper, even after being ridiculed, coaxed and threatened.

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Although Room 7 won the pennant in the athletic sports, the winner of the highest number of individual points was Harold Theall, in Room 16. However, both are 7th grades, so the laurels are for the Juniors.

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Exchanges.

We acknowledge with thanks the following exchanges: *The Boys' High School Recorder* which still keeps up its excellent record of last year; *The News* which contains a splendid picture

of the Class of '99; *The High School Student*, *The Pingry Record*, *The Tripod*, *The Penn Charter Magazine*, *The Maryville College Monthly*, *The High School Bulletin*, *The Poly Prep.*, *The Dartmouth*, *The Triangle*, *The Red and White*, *the Bloomfield H. S. Paper*, *The Recorder*, and many other that came too late to be included this month.

Our business-manager heartily indorses the following sentiment:

I had a dream the other night
When everything was still;
I dreamt that each subscriber came
Right up and paid his bill.—*Ex.*

Pastels in Black and White.

FRANCIS.

The boy Francis was suffering from what he believed to be a very distressing case of step-mother. He had not been able to forget his own dear mamma that died. The step-mother, he somehow felt, was his mortal enemy, and repulsed her gracious attempts to be friendly.

When Francis's father went to Springfield, the strained relations between the boy and the bride grew into open hostilities. Things reached such a point that she felt it was her duty to spank him, and she did it. He lay awake all night, planning vengeance. He was tempted to run away to sea, and become a pirate, but he reasoned it was his house, not hers, and obviously, she was the one to go. The next morning, he ordered her to leave the premises. Instead of leaving, she laughed, and called him "incorrigible boy." He didn't know what kind of boy that was, but he most emphatically resented it.

"I'm going to market, now, Francis," she said, "and when I come back, we'll go out and fly the kite. You and I are going to be friends, you know."

When she returned, the kitchen door was locked, the windows closed, and blinds tightly drawn. "Francis! Francis!" she called, knocking loudly at the door. There was a triumphant and tantalizing snicker within; no other response.

"O, Francis! let me in!"

"Go 'way!" he called out through the key hole; "we don't wish to buy any thing."

She laughed in spite of her vexation. "What on earth do you mean, Francis? Come, now, let me in!"

"My papa isn't at home," he called back. "I tell you to go away. I'm sorry, but we haven't anything to spare this morning. The cold meat is all gone."

The step-mother saw that she was getting the worst of it, so she changed her plan. She went away, and in a little while came to the front door and rang the bell. Francis was willing to speak through the key hole, but he resolutely refused to open the door. She rang again.

"You are disturbing me," he protested. "You shouldn't ring the bell so much. The lady upstairs will throw hot water on you."

"But I must get in, Francis."

"You can't get in here; go back to the south side, where you came from."

"But I am not dressed to go downtown. Let me come in, and get my things, please, Francis."

"Wait a minute," replied he.

He made several trips back into the house. Then she heard him dragging the centre-table into the hall, and wondered what the boy could be doing.

The transom opened a moment later, and the boy put his head out.

"I have got your clothes here, ma'am. I don't wish to keep anything that is yours," he said, and disappeared.

He immediately began to poke things through the transom. They were feminine things, and the gathering crowd of people in the street began to laugh. There were hats and gloves and other things, at which the rude people in the street made sarcastic comments; and at last, when a pair of navy-blue bloomers fell astride the balustrade, and hung there in a most limp and unlifelike pose, there was no attempt to check the hilarity.

"O, Francis! Francis! How can you treat me like this?" she cried.

"Is there anything else, ma'm?" he inquired. "Please wait a minute, and I will see."

The best generals make mistakes, and, alas for Francis! he left the transom unfastened, and before he came back, his Fort was taken. His stepmother "boosted" a small boy through the transom. The door was thrown wide, and she nervously swept her belonging into the hall.

Francis was kept locked in his room till his father came back, when he was immediately sent off to an all-the-year-round boarding-school.

SON OF SEVEN.

A CONTRAST.

Could the little Dutch boy in his plain homespun and the girl in her short calico frock, once more be permitted to wander through the school of his or her childhood, he would be very much astonished. Or, if he should happen to enter a room some day after four o'clock and find it filled with teachers, both male and female, he might think it was a meeting of some of the politicians of the (then) small town of Flatbush. Yet even that would not account for the female portion of the meeting. He would not be able to conceive that these people were teachers who had spent many years in preparing to teach in a *Brooklyn* High School.

But hark! Erasmus Hall itself has something to say, let us listen:....

"Although I, myself, am still the same in outward appearance, except for the fact that I have a new coat of paint, and have three complete additions, yet I do not feel the same. The trees which are scattered about the lawn are no longer mere saplings, as they were when I was built. On the other hand, they have grown into giants which tower away above my head. My interior is certainly very home-like, especially the room on the right of the front door, which has been fitted up for an office for the principal. In place of the log fire which used to crackle on my hearth, I now have gas logs, which, when lighted, give a very cheerful aspect. On cold, or rainy afternoons, the teachers are often seen gathered about my hearth, talking over the events of the day. Some days I hear the sound of a light springy step on my stairs, but as it approaches the office it loses its light tread and becomes slower and slower. Presently, appears in view a young girl, dressed in

the height of fashion, her dress covered with lace and ruffles, who is certainly a great contrast to the little girl in a plain home-spun frock, with not the sign of a ribbon on it, and who has her hair combed smoothly back from her forehead and looks a model of neatness and goodness, or, in a word, the little girl of the old colonial days. This twentieth century girl has in her hand a small blue slip, and when questioned, it is found that she has been conversing in the study hall, which is a very naughty thing to do, even if you have something very interesting to tell your bosom friend sitting behind you. Having been reproved and made to promise never to be guilty of such an act again, she is dismissed, and returns to her room "a sadder, but a wiser girl."

Since my erection, many houses have sprung up around me, and sometimes I think how old fashioned I must look, but then I look up and see my old friend, the Dutch Reformed Church across the street, and I don't feel so lonesome. My friend is a very cheery companion, and sings the same old songs that he sang years ago. When he peals forth the hour of four, I hear the banging of desk covers, the hurrying of many feet, and then every door is opened, and my old drive-way is thronged with boys and girls, hurrying to catch Nassau, Nostrand, and Flatbush specials. I see once more the girl who came to the office in disgrace, although now you would think by her face and her merry chatter, that there never was such a thing as a study hall and a small blue slip.

Well I guess I am getting old; for all these sights make me look back to the days, long ago, when little boys in plain home-spun thronged my passages; and they were sights which I hold in dear remembrance. My friend, the Church, the tall trees on my lawn, and myself, are probably the only ones who remember those old days. The people who might have been able to tell you many a story about the trials and sacrifices which were gone through with in order that I might be built, lie buried across the street in the yard which surrounds the church."

E. K. P., '02.

THE WOMEN OF SANTA LUCIA.

The sun was setting as we steamed into the harbor of Santa Lucia, one of the West India group, on a lovely day in June, and the surrounding hills and mountains were bathed in a golden light which cast a mellow glow over their harsher features, and yet seemed to make their verdure covered peaks stand out more clearly against the opal-tinted sky.

On the wharf where we anchored were scattered groups of the dusky inhabitants, promenading up and down, or enjoying the magnificent scene in a more indolent manner; while here and there might be seen the bright red uniform of an English soldier, relieving the monotony of the never ending white of the native costumes, and giving to the tropical scene that note of color necessary for its perfection.

No sooner was the gangway lowered, than a motley procession of natives, laden-down with fruits, birds, shells of every description, and fancy articles manufactured on the island, came

trooping up the side, and deposited their wares on the deck, which soon became a veritable market-place. These uninvited guests were hailed as a god-send by the passengers, who, being forbidden to land, welcomed any diversion that would while away the time until the ship commenced coaling, for then indeed would begin a sight worth seeing.

Darkness had now fallen and presently from out the gloom weird-looking torches appeared on all parts of the deck. And now along the wharf came hundreds of negro women, chanting an uncanny song and carrying immense sacks or baskets of coal on their heads. Their forms were enveloped in every conceivable costume. Some in discarded ball-dresses of the English officers' wives; some in nothing but shirts; some with a single garment, reaching to their knees; while others, having apparently nothing else at their disposal, had cut slits in gunny-sacks for their heads and arms, and were parading around in this grotesque attire. Soon they reached the gangplanks, up which they marched in orderly array, their dirge intermingled with the hoarse yell of the overseer, as he screamed out the number of the cheque he gave to each woman. The whole deck was in darkness, except for the flickering light of the torches, which, casting their lurid glare for an instant on the disfigured and careworn countenance of each of the women as she passed before them, seemed to reveal an imp of the nether world in constant torture for some wrong she had committed during her lifetime, and then to envelope her once more in the darkness in which she was now compelled to wear out her punishment.

It was a ghastly spectacle, this never ending stream of downtrodden womanhood. Some in the prime of life; some mere slips of girls; while others, bowed down by the weight of years, were yet forced to carry this everlasting load in order to eke out a miserable existence; an existence that, at its best, could be nothing but grinding poverty and sorrow, and end in a Potter's field. What hope or brightness was there in their lives? Working from break of day often far into the night, carrying burdens that stunted their physical growth, as well as their intellect; making of them not women, but brutes, and causing us to say with Markham,

"Is this the thing the Lord God made, and gave to
have dominion over sea and land,
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power,
To feel the passion of eternity?"

B. I., '01.

Our Mail Bag.

The Erasmian's Mail Bag is open to receive letters from correspondents and readers on any topic connected with the paper, and these letters are answered, when possible, by the editors.

I.

Dear Editor:

Is it necessary for a boy to engage in athletics in order to be popular in Erasmus Hall? Why is it that so few in the Debating Society are given an opportunity to speak? We supposed that the Society was organized to give every member a chance to improve his general bearing when in public.

FRANK H. S.

These questions are well worth answering, because in both cases our cor-

respondent has got a wrong impression. In answer to the first, we gladly say, no, if we catch the right meaning of his word *popular*. True popularity in school or out depends on the intrinsic worth of the person himself, and will exist even though he be not identified with any athletic or scholastic organization; but the boy who is in school to get all he can out of it, will, we believe, realize the benefit to be derived from engaging in athletics and other forms of exercise.

In answer to the second question, the Debating Society is not large, and has for its prime object the developing of each member's forensic ability; and if, in the past, any one has been slighted, it is safe to say that that person was not willing to engage in the debates when assigned, owing to the additional work called for, and so had to be dropped for those who were willing to respond, knowing the benefit such work would be to them.

II.

To the Editor:

Will you kindly inform me, through "Our Mail Bag," to whom I must apply for membership in the Desiderian Literary Society? E. J. W.

Send your application to the President, Miss Marion Taber, Room 7, and it will be acted upon at the meeting next following the receipt of the application.

III.

Our Mail Bag:

I have been trying to find a list and a historical sketch of the Seven Wonders of the World, but the more I hunt, the more muddled I get, because I find that different authorities give different lists. Is there more than one authentic list?

HISTORIC.

We believe there are several lists in existence, but only one that includes only the seven wonders of the ancient world. These seven are the Pyramids, Babylon's Garden, Mausolus's Tomb, the Temple of Diana, Colossus of Rhodes, Jupiter's Statue, Pharos of Egypt, and the Palace of Cyprus.

IV.

The following communication has been cut and changed in places, as it appeals to a department of work in the school with which THE ERASMIAN is not familiar, excepting to the extent of ten or fifteen cents each noon. There are evils to be corrected in all lines of work in the present day, and we suspect the lunch room is no exception to this rule. We would advise "A Student" to buckle on the armor of courage and justice and get satisfaction at first hand:

Dear Editor:

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. If this is true, I would suggest that those in charge of the lunch room be more careful in the use made of paper pie plates that have been used. This neglect has been the occasion of strong remarks from many students who take their lunches at the school.

A STUDENT.

Oct. 17th.

V.

To the Open Letter:

Will you please inform me where Barren Island is, and give a list of best hotels, with rates of board? Also state if they allow children in the hotels.

A TRUTH SEEKER.

Oct. 19, 1899.

Barren Island is located in Jamaica Bay, and is the dumping ground for Greater New York garbage. The other questions, we believe, are not of importance in view of such information as has already been given.

VI.

The following is timely, and suggests

a growing evil that can be corrected only by those to whom it applies:

Dear Editors:

Several rational mortals in this institution would like to know what the opinion of THE ERASMIAN is of young ladies who walk arm in arm through the narrow hall of the "old" building, when the school is in a flurry to get to one of the study halls or to the other buildings. The girls who do this not only delay other, but cause much noise.

MISS SENSIBLE.

You have said quite enough to appeal to any fair-minded young lady or gentleman.

VII.

Mail Bag:

What position did George Ford play on last year's eleven? THE ATHLETE.

Left end, the same that he is playing now on the Freshman team at Dartmouth.

VIII.

Dear Editor:

Kindly inform me, through this column, whether Seniors are allowed to enter and leave the building by the front door? Does the same rule hold good in the case of other classes?

A READER.

We are certain that any door that a Senior could get through would be large enough to admit members of other classes. There is no law in regard to this matter, but we feel sure it is the wish of the principal that the front entrance be used by the teachers and visitors alone. Inasmuch as the side entrances were made for the special accommodation of the pupils. Seniors are entitled to some consideration, and this front door question may appeal to the powers that be.

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